

Early Minutes of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina

State of North Carolina.

At a Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and accepted Masons opened and held at Newbern on the 16th day of December Anno Dom 1791 Era Masonry 5791.

Present

The M W James Glasgow D G M & G M pro tem.

R W Stephen Cabarrus G S W.

R. W. Frederick Harget G J W.

R W Matthias Handy G Sec.

R W John Macon G S D.

R W James Ellis G J D.

Members William J Dawson

Francs Stringer

W H Hill

Henry Hill

George Duffy P M

John Williams

Solomon Halling

The Lodge was opened in due form, and Deputations from the following Lodges were read and received, and the Deputies appeared and took their seats to wit:

Old Cone, Salisbury, Bro. David Caldwell.

Johnston Caswell, Warrenton, Bro. John Macon.

Royal White Hart, Halifax, Bro. Willis Alston.

Phoenix, Fayetteville, Bro. James Porterfield.

St. John, Newbern, Bros. Halling, McClure, Hunly & Lowthrope.

On Motion, Resolved, that the Officers of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year be elected on Thursday next, Whereupon, Brother Samuel Johnston & Brother James Glasgow were nominated as Grand Masters.

Brothers James Glasgow and Stephen Cabarrus Deputy Grand Masters.

Brother Stephen Cabarrus Grand Senior Warden.

Brothers Lunsford Long & Isaac Guion Grand Junior Wardens.

Brothers Frederick Harget Grand Treasurer.

Brother Matthias Handy Grand Secretary.

Read a petition from Brother Robert Dickins praying to be admitted a Member of the Grand Lodge—Ordered to lie on the table. A petition from a number of Brethern in Stokes County for a Charter to incorporate them into a Lodge was read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Resolved that Brothers Dawson, Harget, Long and Macon be a committee to consider who may be admitted in future members of the Grand Lodge, with the mode of admission, and that they report the same on Thursday next.

The Lodge was then closed in due form until Thursday next.

Thursday 22nd December 1791

The Lodge was opened in due form.

Present

The R W James Glasgow D G M.

Stephen Cabarrus G S W.

Fredk Harget G J W & Trea.

Matthias Handy G Sec.

John Macon G S D.

Wm Johnston Dawson G J D.

Brothers, Hill, Long, Stokes, Alston, Jones, Caldwell, Johnston, Caswell, Lowthrope, Porterfield, Halling, McClure, Hunly.

The Petition of Joseph McDowell, and Curtis Ivey praying to be admitted members of the Grand Lodge, was read & ordered to lie on the Table.

The Lodge proceeded to elect Grand Officers for the ensuing year when Brother Samuel Johnston was elected Grand Master.

Brother James Glasgow Deputy Grand Master.

Brother Stephen Cabarrus Grand Senior Warden.

Brother Lunsford Long, Grand Junior Warden.

Brother Fredk Harget, Grand Treasurer.

Brother Matthias Handy, Grand Secretary.

The Right Worshipful appointed Brother John Macon G. Sen. Deacon & Brother James Ellis G. Jun. Deacon.

The Petition of Brothers Dickins, McDowell, & Ivey were taken up and the brethren balloted for and unanimously elected members, whereupon they were introduced, subscribed the Laws and took their seats accordingly.

A petition from the Brethern in the County of Franklin praying a renewal of their Charter was read and granted, whereupon it is resolved that their Charter be renewed accordingly.

On Motion of the Grand Treasurer, Resolved, that Brothers E. Jones & S. Cabarrus be a committee to examine the

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accounts of the Treasurer and report a state of the Treasury to the Lodge.

Resolved that the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master inform the Most Worshipful Samuel Johnston of his reelection as Grand Master of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year.

The Lodge was then closed in due form until the 25th, Instant.

December 25th, A L 5791

The Lodge met according to adjournment—and was opened in due form.

Present.

The R W James Glasgow G M Protem & D G M.

Lunsford Long G S W Protem.

Fredk. Harget G J W Protem.

James Ellis G S D Protem.

I. Guion G J D Protem.

F. Dicking G Trea. Protem.

S. Cooke G Sec. Protem.

Brothers Solomon Halling, F Lowthrope, Martin, Wm. Lawrence, Dixon Edward Jones, Henry Hill, and George Duffy.

The Lodge proceeded to install the Grand Officers the ensuing year when the following were installed agreeable to ancient form to wit.

Sam Johnston Esq. as Grand Master by proxy.

James Glasgow as Deputy Grand Master.

Stephen Cabarrus as Grand Senior Warden by proxy.

Lunsford Long as Grand Junior Warden.

Frederick Harget as Grand Treasurer.

Matthias Handy as Grand Secretary by proxy.

John Macon as Grand Senior Deacon by proxy.

James Ellis as Grand Junior Deacon.

A Deputation from the Independence Lodge Chatham was read and received, appointing Brothers Samuel Guthrie, & James Anderson Delegates to represent the said Lodge in the present Grand Lodge who appeared and took their seats.

Resolved that Brothers Cabarrus, C Johnson, Lowthrope, E Jones, Wm. Johnston, and Henry Hill be appointed a committee to agree on a form of procession to be observed on the ensuing Festival of Saint Johns.

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At a Grand Lodge of the most ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and accepted Masons opened and held at Newbern on the 25th day of June A D 1791 A L 5791.

Present

The M W James Glasgow Esq. D G M G M protem.

R W Isaac Guion D G M protem.

R W Francis Lowthrope G S W P T.

R W J C Osborne G J W P T.

R W Frederick Harget G Trea.

R W Matthias Handy G Sec.

R W John Macon G J D.

R W David Witherspoon.

Visitors

Brothers F. Stringer, Geo. Ellis, J. Short, James Kyler, John Renneyday, Wm. Bartlet, Joseph Leech, Silas Cook, John Craddock, John Smith, Malcom Gillies, Wm. McClure, and Peter Morris.

The Lodge was opened in due form, and the Deputations from the following Lodges were read and received and the Deputies appeared and took their seats accordingly to wit.

King Solomon, Brothers William J. Gardner, Wm. Randall & Whitley.

St. John's, Brothers Solomon Halling, Wm. Johnston and Frs. Lowthrope.

Newbern,

St. John's, Bros. Robert White, Charles Markland & Frs. McLlwain.

Kinston,

Johnston, Brothers John Macon & Edward Jones.

Caswell,

Washington, Brothers J C Osborne, Robert Hattridge, & Peter Casso.

Duplin, Bro. James Kenan.

Phoenix Bro. James Porterfield.

St. John's Bro. William Hill.

Wilmington.

A Petition from the Duplin Lodge praying a Charter, On Motion Resolved that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that Brother James Kenan, be Master, Brother Charles Ward, Senior Warden & Bro. Patrick Newton, Junr. Warden of the same, and that the sd Lodge be called by the name

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of Saint John's.

The Grand Lodge taking into consideration a resolution of the Grand Lodge held in November last at Fayetteville, relative to a letter and resolution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Resolved that a convention of the Deputies from the several Grand Lodges within the United States is inexpedient.

On Motion and seconded.

Resolved that Brothers Halling, Osborne and Manchester be a committee to answer a letter from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, bearing date the 29th June 1790 and that they inclose a Copy of the resolution of this Lodge thereon.

The Committee heretofore appointed to revise the Bye Laws of the Grand Lodge having failed to do the same.

Resolved that the Most Worshipful James Glasgow Esquire, the Right Worshipful Isaac Guion, Silas W Arnet and Frederick Harget or any three be a Committee to revise the Bye Laws of this Grand Lodge, and that they make report to the next Grand Lodge.

PURSUANT to a resolution of the Grand Lodge at Fayetteville on the 9th day of December last, The Lodge proceeded to number the different Lodges agreeable to the claims of prededency from the different Lodges as follows to wit.

Saint John's No 1 Wilmington.

Royal White Hart No 2 Halifax.

Saint Johns No 3 Newbern.

Saint Johns No 4 Kinston.

Royal Edwin No 5 Windsor.

Royal William No 6 Winton.

Unanimity No 7 Edenton.

Phoenix No 8 Fayetteville.

Old Cone No 9 Salisbury.

Johnston Caswell No 10 Warrenton.

Caswell Brotherhood No 11 Caswell.

Independence No 12 Chatham.

Saint John's No 13 Duplin.

Rutherford fellowship No 14 Rutherford.

Washington No 15 Beaufort County.

Saint Tamany No 16 Martin County.

American George No 17 Hertford County.

King Solomon No 18 Jones County.

Resolved that the several Lodges receive their Charters as speedily as convenient, from the Grand Lodge, numbered according to the order which they appear on the records of this Grand Lodge taken this day.

Resolved that the Committee appointed to revise the Bye Laws of this Grand Lodge shall take into consideration the propriety of deminishing the tax upon the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge and report the sum to which the tax should be reduced (if they think such a deduction necessary) to the next Grand Lodge.

Resolved that it be recommended to the Grand Master protem to adjourn this Lodge until the third Monday in December next, and that it then be held at this place, and that it then be held at this place, and that the bye Laws directing this Lodge to meet on the second Monday in November annually be repealed; and that the Secretary notify the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge of this resolution and that they send delegates to the next Grand Lodge.

The Lodge was accordingly closed in due form, until the third Monday in December next to meet at this place.

J Glasgow G M Protem.

Isaac Guion D G M Protem.

F. Lowthrope G S W Protem.

John C Osborne G J W Protem.

M. Handy G Secy.